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Appln. No. : 09/676,598  
Applicant : Operowsky, *et al.*  
Filed : September 29, 2000  
TC/A.U. : 2636  
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Confirmation No. 2104

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response to the non-final Office Action dated December 27, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 27, 2006

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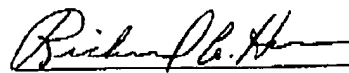
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action (the "Office Action") mailed December 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this submission.

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